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(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether they propose to extend the area of irrigation in the Trichinopoly district by carrying out the Kattalai scheme; and

(d) whether more than 10,000 acres of wet lands were silted up during the floods of 1924 and whether the Government have any scheme for the utilization of the unused water for irrigating other lands in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The memorial is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) If by the expression 'Kattalai scheme' the hon. Member means the Kattalai canal scheme which formed part of the original Cauvery Reservoir Project, this is one of the questions to be considered along with others raised in the memorial.

(d) The total area of wet lands in the Trichinopoly district which were silted up during the floods of 1924 was 6,240·27 acres and the total extent of dry lands silted up was 1,043·21 acres.

As regards the enquiry in the latter portion of the clause, the whole question of extension of irrigation in the Trichinopoly district has been raised in the memorial which is under consideration. So far, the only scheme which is under consideration is the High Level channel scheme connected with the Right (or South) Bank canal, expected to irrigate 9,000 acres approximately.

II

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

12 noon. With reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 27 and 28 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 3rd September 1928, the Secretary laid on the table copies of G.O. No. 2113,[a] Revenue, dated 11th September 1928, giving the names of the villages selected for the collection of statistics relating to mortgages and the sale and lease values of lands in the East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna districts.

With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question No. 1 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 3rd September 1928, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the note of the Revenue Department containing the report[b] of the Court of Wards regarding the increase of seigniorage rates in the forests of Bodokhemidi Estate.

With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 261 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th September 1928, the Secretary laid on the table copies[c] of the statement showing the number of shops closed or opened in the Ceded districts after the formation of the Excise Advisory Committees.

Placed on Editors' Table.

b Printed as Appendix V at page 349–350 infra.

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